

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1497

Introduced by Assembly Member Baca

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 7073.5 to the Government Code, relating to economic development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1497, as introduced, Baca. Enterprise zones: City of San Bernardino.

The Enterprise Zone Act provides for the designation of enterprise zones by the Department of Community Housing and Development, based on the department's approval of applications from a city, county, or city and county with a geographic area meeting certain criteria. Certain entities within a designated enterprise zone may receive regulatory, tax, and other incentives for private investment and employment.

This bill would, notwithstanding any other provision of law, require the department to, upon application by the San Bernardino City Council, designate as an enterprise zone a specified geographic area in the City of San Bernardino.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 7073.5 is added to the Government
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 7073.5. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
- 4 agency shall, upon application by the San Bernardino City

1 Council, designate as an enterprise zone the geographic area in
2 the City of San Bernardino extending from Second Street on the
3 southern boundary to Fifth Street on the northern boundary, and
4 from Interstate Highway 215 on the western boundary to
5 Waterman Avenue on the eastern boundary.

6 (b) For purposes of applying any provision of the Revenue and
7 Taxation Code, the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this
8 section shall be deemed to have been designated pursuant to
9 Section 7073.

10 (c) This section shall not be construed to increase the total
11 number of enterprise zones authorized pursuant to subdivision
12 (g) of Section 7073.

13 SEC. 2. Due to the unique circumstances of the City of San
14 Bernardino, with respect to the need for sustained employment
15 and business development in the area, the Legislature hereby
16 finds and declares that a general statute cannot be made
17 applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the
18 California Constitution. Therefore, the special legislation
19 contained in Section 1 of this act is necessarily applicable only to
20 the City of San Bernardino.